

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1-17 have been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, claims 18-28 are presented for examination.

Restriction Requirement

In light of the Restriction Requirement issued by the Examiner, Applicants elect Class II having claims 18-28 for consideration. Claims 1-17 of Class I have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims of breadth similar to those of claims 1-17 in one or more continuation applications.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

Charge our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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